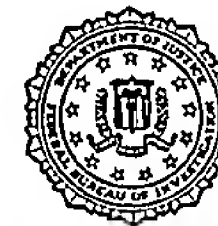


# Memorandum



To : SAC, BOSTON (182<sup>2</sup>BS-55853)

Date 2/27/91

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: WINTER HILL GANG  
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It is requested a control file be opened to administratively control incoming intelligence information pertaining to past and current members of the WINTER HILL GANG. This file will house information primarily concerning illegal gambling, however, if other information is developed it will be maintained in this file as well for administrative purposes.

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It is recommended a new case be opened and assigned to SA [redacted]

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To : SAC, BOSTON (92A-2557)

Date 11/8/90

From : SSA [redacted]

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On 11/6/90 [redacted] (Protect Identity)  
[redacted] telephonically contacted  
writer and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted]  
[redacted] had recently opened an account with the BANK OF BOSTON on  
10/16/90 at the South Boston Branch. [redacted] furnished the  
account number as [redacted] He also furnished [redacted]  
Social Security Number as [redacted] In addition to the above  
account, [redacted] stated that [redacted] also opened an account on  
8/31/90 with the MEDFORD SAVING BANK and furnished his current  
address as [redacted]

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[redacted] in addition to the information furnished  
above also advised that an individual by the name of [redacted]  
[redacted], AKA [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] Social  
Security Number [redacted] opened an account on 10/23/90 at the  
BAYBANK MIDDLESEX [redacted] furnished his address as [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that his records  
reflect that [redacted] was listed as an LCN associate in 1986. He  
could no furnish additional information concerning this  
individual.

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The above information is singular in nature and should  
not be disseminated without prior approval of the Writer.

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On December 21, 1990, [redacted] provided the following:

[redacted] in addition to having been previously married to [redacted] by whom he has [redacted] was also previously married to a [redacted] (LNU) who reportedly lives in [redacted] and [redacted]. They had a son called [redacted] who uses the surname of [redacted] is 21-22 years of age, [redacted] and [redacted] does not appear to be criminally inclined and takes care of his mother. [redacted] also has two daughters by another marriage to [redacted] a niece of [redacted]

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The daughter by that marriage are [redacted] last name unknown, who is now married, and [redacted] who is living with one [redacted] (ph). possibly at [redacted] telephone [redacted] is a white male. [redacted]

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[redacted] Source is of the impression that [redacted] is simply working for [redacted] has the financial support of [redacted] and probably her father. Source is of the opinion that [redacted] would be the family member, aside from [redacted] to be in touch with [redacted]

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[redacted] has two sons at home, [redacted] age 16 or 17, who attends [redacted] and [redacted] age 7. His wife, [redacted] has a brother, [redacted] who is a [redacted]

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[redacted] commonly known as [redacted] is working at the [redacted]

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and address

[Redacted]

Character of case

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Complainant ☒ Protect Source

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic

Date 2/15/91 Time 11:30 AM

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

[Redacted]

Subject's Description

Race

White

Sex

☒ Male

☐ Female

Height

5'4"

Weight

170

Hair

Gray

Eyes

Blue

Complexion

Stokey

Social Security Number

Scars, marks or other data

Subject drives 1988 Lincoln Town Car, Silver-Gray

Facts of complaint

Complainant advised subject is a bookie with the "Winter-Hill" (phonetic) group. Subject has contacts within New England Telephone Company, and recently changed his office telephone numbers.

Old nos.:

New nos.:

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On February 22, 1991, [redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] aka [redacted] in  
[redacted] that is owned jointly by [redacted] and [redacted]  
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In addition source advised that a FNU [redacted] the  
[redacted]  
[redacted] is looking to sell the two above establishments to [redacted]  
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To : SAC, BOSTON (182B-BS-55853)

Date 4/24/91

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: WINTER HILL GANG  
IGB

On 3/6/91 this case was opened and assigned to writer. Case was opened as a means to administratively control incoming intelligence information pertaining to past and current members of the South Boston based WINTER HILL GANG. This file will house information primarily concerning illegal gambling, however, if other information is learned or developed concerning the WINTER HILL people, and their associates, it will be maintained in this file as well.

All C-3 Agents are requested to direct any and all information relating to the above criteria to this case file.

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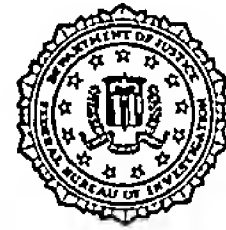
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Date 5/8/91

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: WINTER HILL GANG  
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On 5/6/91 an individual to has provided reliable  
information in the past advised that a new contact location for  
[redacted] and [redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On May 8, 1991, [redacted] advised of the following information:

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Regarding [redacted] has been doing business recently with [redacted] aka [redacted] dba [redacted].

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[redacted] has been introducing [redacted] (who resides at [redacted] formerly married to [redacted]

[redacted] may have some contacts with [redacted] telephone [redacted] When [redacted] was in prison years ago, [redacted] helped him out. Then several years ago, [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] who operates a [redacted]

Regarding [redacted] involvement in [redacted] it was [redacted] intention [redacted]

[redacted] that [redacted] knew.

According to [redacted]

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Source had no knowledge of drugs being involved in these shipments, and was not introduced to [redacted] contacts.

[redacted] had an individual names [redacted] in New York City, at phone number [redacted]

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Regarding [redacted], a Federal Fugitive, source knew nothing of [redacted] whereabouts. There is very little discussion, if any, among [redacted] relatives regarding [redacted]. Source characterized [redacted] as a quiet, unassuming, and bright individual. [redacted] vowed before he became a fugitive that he would never serve a day in jail. [redacted] was quite opposite in character when compared to [redacted], who source characterized as loud, obnoxious, a conman. Source did not believe [redacted] would hang around any "wise guys" like [redacted] does. Source felt, however, that [redacted] would be the one individual family member that [redacted] would contact. Source stated that [redacted] never talks about [redacted] and according to family members, [redacted] has never attended any family gatherings.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] had two daughters by [redacted] and [redacted] is married to [redacted] who recently moved their business, [redacted]. Source was unsure if [redacted] was a participant in that business. [redacted]

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[redacted] to whom he is still legally married to, is [redacted]. She had one child by [redacted] who is known by the nick name of [redacted].

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[redacted] although never legally married is [redacted]. She and [redacted] had a son named [redacted]. [redacted] also has a daughter by the name of [redacted] by another father.

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[redacted] and [redacted] mother is still living. Her name is [redacted] 75 years old, residing at [redacted] husband is deceased.

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On June 5, 1991, [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] recently lost approximately [redacted]  
gambling on various professional and collegiate sports events.  
This money is owed to two bookmakers: [redacted] aka

[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] contacted [redacted] about  
collecting the money from [redacted] However, no attempt will be  
made to pressure [redacted] for the money, due to [redacted] close  
relationship to [redacted]

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On June 25, 1991, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] he knows of a bookmaker named [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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Source also advised a person named [redacted] (ph),  
white male, [redacted] to bookie [redacted] b6  
[redacted] works at [redacted] (ph) b7C  
was [redacted] b7D  
[redacted]  
[redacted] has a [redacted] telephone [redacted]  
[redacted] has  
grandchildren living in [redacted] from a previous marriage.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) discloses a [redacted]  
[redacted] DOB [redacted] address [redacted] b6  
[redacted] has a [redacted] b7C  
registered to him. RMV lists a [redacted]  
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TO: SAC, Boston (183-NK-64800) (P)

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FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: HOUSE ODDS  
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RE: Newark teletype to Boston dated 7/1/91.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to document information obtained on 7/2 and 7/3/91 relative to captioned matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This memo contains no recommendations.

DETAILS:

On Tuesday, 7/2/91, the writer, SA [REDACTED]

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# The sharp deals of Whitey & cronies

By JONATHAN WELLS

When reputed mob boss James J. "Whitey" Bulger and Kevin J. Weeks joined two friends at Lottery headquarters last week to cash in a \$14.3 million Mass Million ticket, it wasn't the first time the two got together to consummate an unusual business deal.

Bulger, a convicted bank robber and alleged leader of a South Boston-based crime organiza-

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# Real estate records detail Whitey's unusual deals

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tion, and Weeks, who has no criminal record, have been parties to complex, and at times bizarre, transactions for years.

On the same day in August 1988, the two long-time friends bought adjacent units in the new Bigelow Court Condominiums on West Fourth Street in South Boston for \$150,000 apiece.

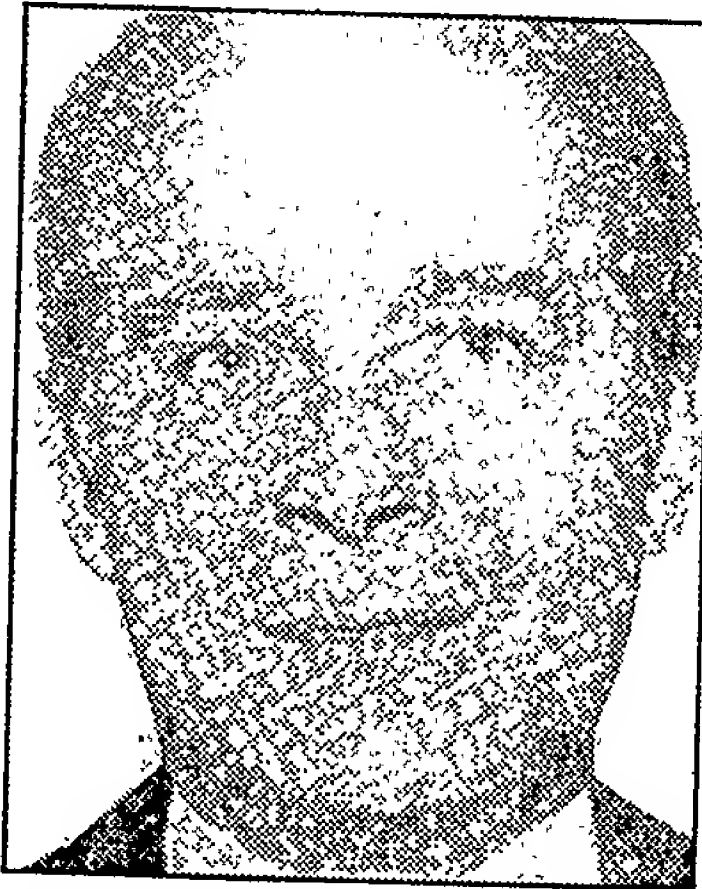
Two years later, within four months of each other, they sold their condominiums — Weeks to a Boston Police sergeant for a modest loss and Bulger to a South Boston real estate broker for a \$36,000 profit, despite the depressed condominium market.

Records show, however, that Bulger already had drawn a much larger profit from the property before it was redeveloped into the six-unit Bigelow Court complex.

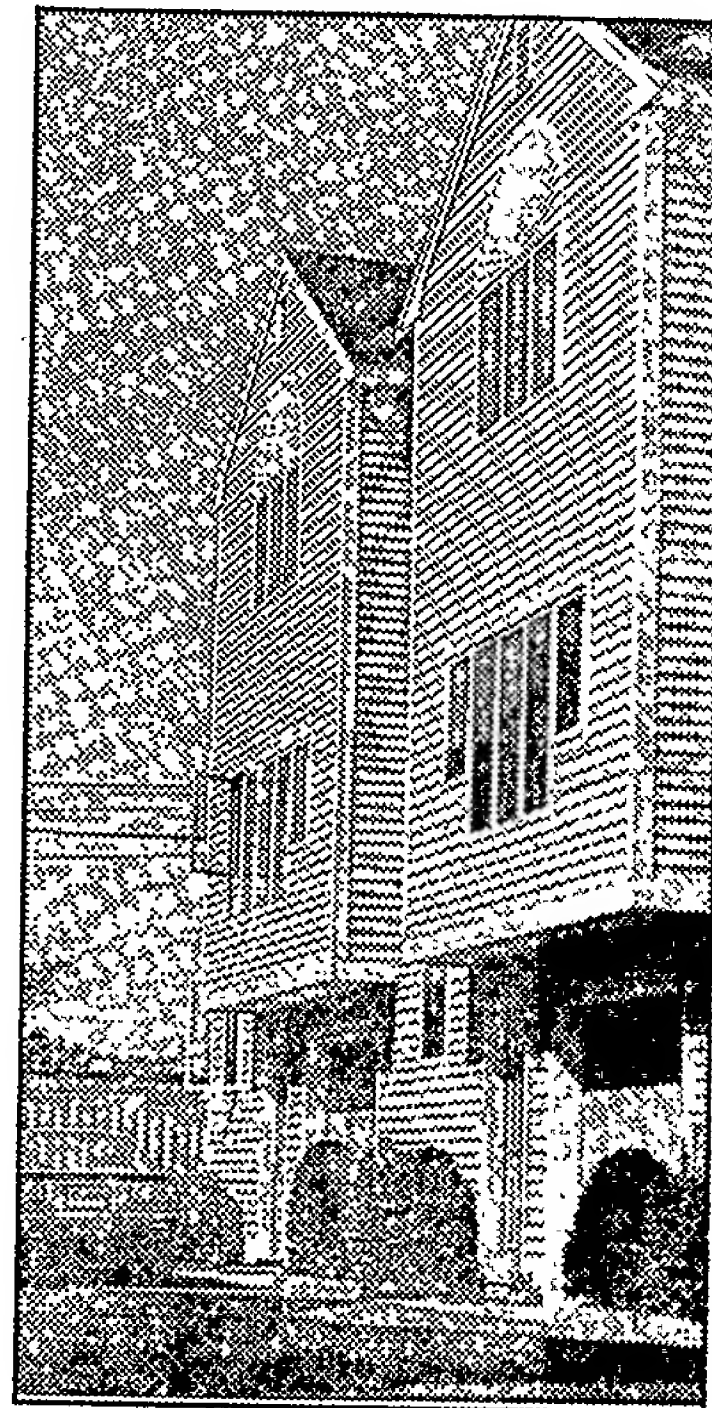
In October 1985, Bulger bought the 8,000-square-foot lot from another longtime pal, Kevin P. O'Neil, who also goes back many years with the band of Lottery winners.

O'Neil sold the Bigelow Court parcel to Bulger for \$30,000. Bulger flipped the property a year later to Barbara A. Buckley for \$150,000 — a shrewd swap which landed Bulger a tidy 500 percent profit.

Joining Bulger and Weeks at the Lottery last week to divide up the winnings was Patrick J. Linskey, whose brother, Michael



**WHITEY'S DEAL:** James 'Whitey' Bulger, above, sold, bought and resold condominium property at 327-329 West Fourth St. in South Boston, right, for considerable profits in recent years.



C. Linskey of Hanover, purchased the winning ticket at the South Boston Liquor Mart.

The store is owned by O'Neil and a partner, and Weeks is the manager of record, where he has had a state Lottery ticket franchise since 1986.

A few years later, on Dec. 8, 1989, Bulger and Weeks participated in a strange series of real estate transactions which federal authorities have alleged were a charade to create a phony record of legitimate income for Bulger.

At the time, Bulger owned a one-third interest in 295 Old Colony Ave., site of the South Boston Liquor Mart, with Weeks and Mary I. Flemmi, the mother of reputed Bulger crime associate Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi.

Weeks testified under oath before the Boston Licensing Board in January 1989 that it was the profit motive that prompted him to sell two one-third interests in the property to Bulger and Flemmi in May 1986.

However, Weeks went on to say the building's assessed value was \$40,000 and he sold the two 33 percent interests for only \$5,000 each.

At the hearing, prompted by Weeks' ultimately successful ap-

plication to acquire the D Street Deli in South Boston, he was asked by licensing board chairwoman Andrea Gargiulo how long he had known Bulger.

"I've known James Bulger since I was about 13," Weeks said.

Eleven months after Weeks appeared before the licensing board — where he had downplayed his ties to Bulger — Bulger hit the real estate number at the Liquor Mart, courtesy of Weeks and O'Neil.

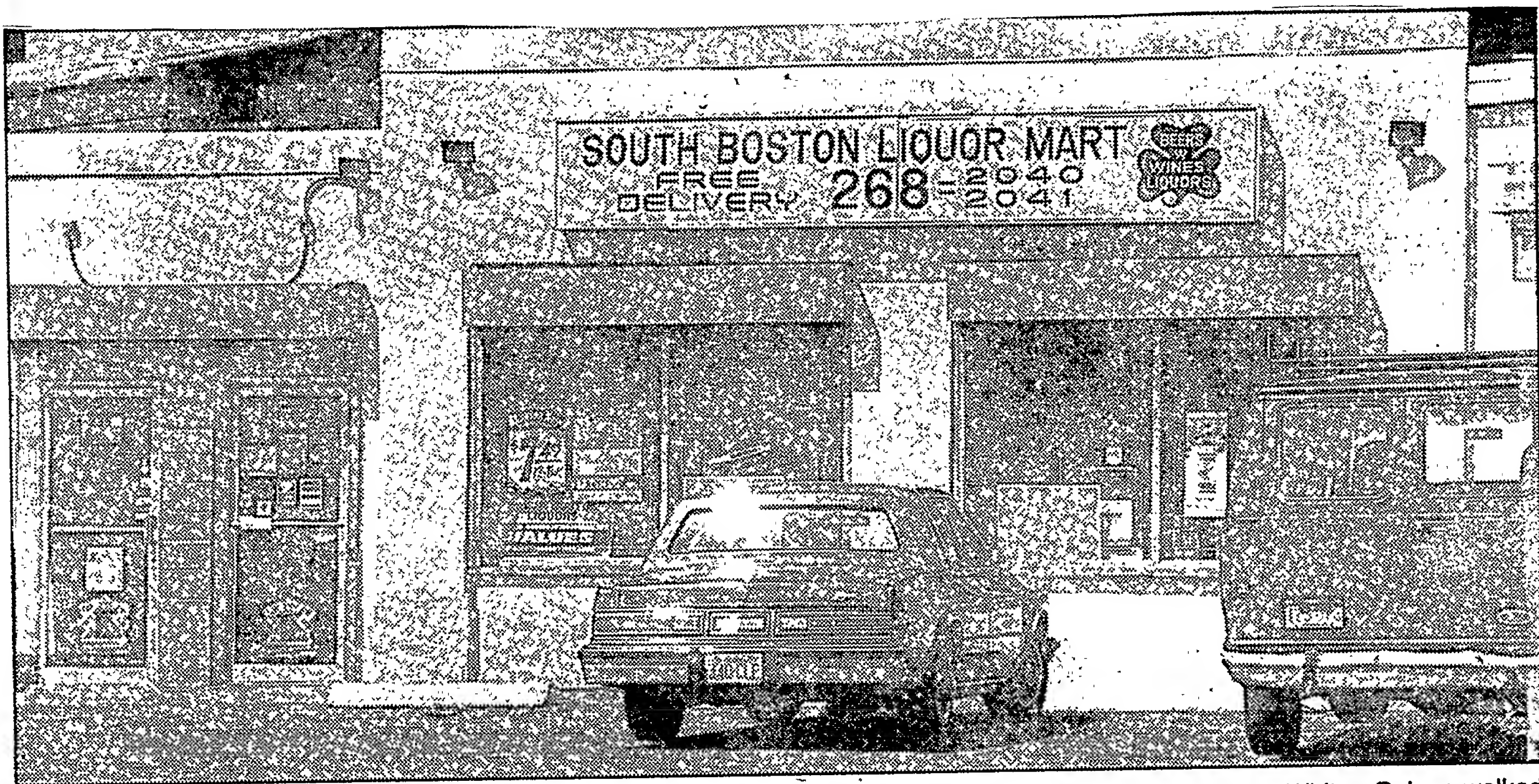
Bulger bought out Weeks' and Flemmi's interest in the property for \$40,000, and then, on the same day, flipped the property to O'Neil and Gordon McIntyre for a fat \$400,000.

Bulger walked away with a paper profit of \$360,000 on a property the city assessor's office said was worth only \$74,000.

Six weeks after Bulger, Weeks and O'Neil completed their Liquor Mart shell game at the registry of deeds, federal, state and local authorities swept through South Boston and Quincy, searching businesses and homes linked to Bulger's alleged organization.

The raids were part of a long-running probe into drug traffick-





**PAPER PROFIT:** After buying a share in the South Boston Liquor Mart — then buying out his partners for \$40,000 and selling the

store for \$400,000 on the same day — Whitey Bulger walked away with a whopping \$360,000 profit.

ing, loan-sharking, extortion, money laundering and liquor violations which has already produced 51 indictments.

The investigators searched the Liquor Mart and seized computer equipment and files from Rotary Variety, a store next door to the Liquor Mart owned jointly by Weeks and O'Neil. They also raided the D Street Deli.

To date, the investigation has yet to produce any charges against Bulger, nor has it touched Weeks and O'Neil, who have helped create for Bulger a web of apparently legitimate business activity.

One popular theory to explain Bulger's elusiveness is that he has enjoyed an unusually close relationship with the Boston office of the FBI, in particular a former agent named John Connolly who now heads security for Boston Edison.

According to one of the residents in the tight-knit Bigelow Court condominium complex

which has proven to be so profitable for Bulger, Connolly moved into one of the units there in February.

City records show that one Bigelow Court unit is owned by Francis K. Fraine, a former city wiring inspector who turned state's evidence in the infamous Symphony Road arson case. Fraine, an unindicted co-conspirator, admitted in 1978 that he was a lookout for the arsonists and bribed a State Police detective in the fire marshall's office to cover up the crime.

Meanwhile, as authorities continue to chase Bulger and his reputed crime associates, Weeks continues to make money as a Lottery ticket agent for the state.

In 1986, then-state Lottery director James Hosker approved Week's application for a lottery agent's license at the Liquor Mart.

One year later, Hosker signed off on another franchise for Weeks next door at Rotary Variety — an unusual decision given

that the Lottery tries not to overload any single area with ticket franchises.

In December 1989, Weeks transferred the corporation that owns the Rotary Variety business to James Cucinatta of Quincy, a longtime friend and employee. A month later, Hosker approved Cucinatta's application to take over the Lottery franchise at Rotary Variety.

O'Neil also may have a piece of another Lottery ticket outlet in South Boston. Lottery records indicate Lawrence Visco is the franchisee at Station News at 24 West Broadway, but also list O'Neil as the "contact person" for the outlet.

O'Neil owns the building which houses Station News. Two doors down is Triple O's Lounge, a bar once frequented by Bulger, which also is owned by O'Neil.

Treasurer Joseph D. Malone, who has had to endure the embarrassment of presiding over the first known case in the state of a reputed crime boss winning

a major Lottery jackpot, is currently searching for grounds to revoke Weeks' ticket-agent's license.

Malone has yet to comment on O'Neil's involvement with the Lottery. □

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On 7/22/91, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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calls into [redacted] at [redacted] and has the code name [redacted]  
Currently the payoff on a 3 digit number is 660 to 1; the payoff  
on a 4 digit number is 3500 to 1. This worker may also work for  
[redacted] at an [redacted] The source will attempt to  
get this number.

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On August 19, 1991, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] that BONADINO's (formerly the DUBLIN PUB) in Revere has  
four video poker machines back on the premises.

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(SA) [redacted] that [redacted]

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be associated to Winter Hill gang members [redacted]  
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[redacted] is approximately [redacted] years old and is described  
as [redacted] tall, [redacted]

[redacted] claims that [redacted] at [redacted]  
[redacted] This [redacted] is a  
white male, [redacted]

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# Hey, Whitey! What did I do to deserve this henbleep?

**W**as it something I said, Whitey?

Yes, I've heard what some federal snitch wearing an FBI wire claimed — that you, Whitey Bulger, are angry at me.

But angry is not the exact word. As it came out in court, the quote used to describe your feelings about me was "henbleep."

Now, I'm very familiar with the word "bullbleep." Not to mention, "horsebleep." But henbleep is a new one on me.

Henbleep? Say it ain't so, Whitey.

This whole thing started with those six morons now on trial in federal court for allegedly trying to hold up an armored car in Abington last January. It was a doomed enterprise from the moment the feds recruited a lard-encased felon, one David Ryan, better known as "Mr. 5X5," as an informant.

Not that it was terribly difficult to infiltrate a gang run by one Robert E. Joyce, who in his 1972 Boston Tech yearbook proudly listed one of his interests as "getting high." Good old Jazbo Joyce — by the time Mr. 5X5 was paroled, Jazbo's drug of choice was Percodan, with a beer chaser.

Yeah, Jazbo was a Percodan man. Which explains how easily the feds were able to pinch his gang with enough automatic weapons and silencers to ensure that if they're convicted, they're probably all going to die in the can.

So the six of them have gone to trial, bleak as their prospects of acquittal are. And the other day, as Mr. 5X5 is being cross-examined, one of the defense lawyers mentions a conversation the stoolie had on April 28, 1990 with one James Passamonte.

The lawyer asked the snitch whether on that April 28 he'd bragged on tape about talking to a "Mr. Bulger," who was "henbleep" with a "certain newspaper writer."



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Hmmmmmm. Too bad the judge didn't let the lawyer continue this line of questioning. But it wasn't real hard to figure out. My only question was, why was Whitey "henbleep" at me in April 1990?

Then I realized that that was the month some of my vicious associates at Boston magazine had listed Whitey as one of the Richest Bostonians, worth between \$10 million and \$50 million.

And Whitey blamed me. No wonder he was henbleep. A few calls later, I'd pieced the rest of it together. According to Mr. 5X5, Whitey thought I'd come up with the \$50 million figure as a way to get him kidnapped, or, in Mr. 5X5's words, "set him up for a snatch."

I ask you, do my fellow pundits George Will and David Broder ever get mentioned in these lofty social circles? Do any other award-winning columnists get fingered on FBI tapes by a fat, drug-dealing, armored-car-robbing, \$350-a-week stool pigeon who hands out stolen .357 Magnums like M&Ms?

Thanks a bunch, Mr. 5X5.

Set Whitey up for a snatch? There goes my Nieman fellowship.

And then the guy that Mr. 5X5 is talking to, Passamonte, he

chips in: "Boy, does Whitey hate Howie."

Thank you very much for that brilliant observation, Mr. Passamonte. And when are you next due back in court?

Anyway, now I'm back in the courtroom, trying to figure out how to pass the word that hey, Caucasian-man, I didn't put those terrible things in the mag about you. OK, maybe some other unflattering stuff I did write, but not that \$50 million figure.

Not that I'm that worried about you these days, Whitey. You are officially a millionaire now. You just turned 62 — eligible for Social Security on top of your tax-free \$1,800-a-week kiss from Mass Millions. In another three years, you can even ride the Broadway bus for 15 cents. So why should you be henbleep at me, here at the start of your Golden Years?

On the other hand, Whitey is a man of many outstanding characteristics, two of which are not forgiveness or charity. So I looked around the courtroom for an emissary to tell him directly that I didn't do it. I spotted one of Senate President Billy Bulger's top aides, a \$1,029.80-a-week career layabout with soft hands and a beet-red face.

I extended my hand.

"Why should I shake your hand," he snarled. "Then I'd have to wash mine."

Jeez, talk about henbleep. Other than asking him to pass on my message, I just wanted to inquire how he happened to be here, when it wasn't even lunch hour yet. But then I realized — one of the defendants is Jazbo Joyce, a career Southie criminal with a child born out of wedlock. He was collecting workmen's comp and his major interest in life was getting high.

A typical Bulger supporter, in other words.

"Yeah," said the aide. "I don't want to get your disease."

My what? But speaking of afflictions, as I studied this hack's florid complexion, I wondered about his blood pressure. The man really should lay off the popovers at Anthony's. Not to mention red meat. Now he was stalking toward the elevator. He was going back to the State House, and why not? He'd been made.

"Give my best to the Senate president," I yelled after him.

"Give my best to your editor," he yelled back, and was gone.

You know, it's a tough world we live in. Half the people you meet are henbleep at you. Especially if they're from Southie.

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[redacted]  
What I am writing in this letter I know  
will be helpful to you to catch these underworld people.  
First of all the poker game that [redacted]

[redacted] had, that the organized Crime force busted to  
help send them away is still in operation under the  
control of [redacted]

The headquarters  
for this game is on the corner of Locust St. &

Dorchester Ave in town. They have two games a week  
on Wed night & Friday nights. The Friday night game goes from  
Fri. night till Sunday night, sometimes Monday morning. <sup>b6</sup>  
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A player need at least two thousand dollars to sit in and  
can borrow up to five thousand dollars from the house [redacted]

[redacted] who shylacks the money for [redacted]  
is [redacted] and any money loaned <sup>b6</sup> the same has  
<sup>b7C</sup> to be paid in full by the end of the next week at a charge  
of 2% of the loan. [redacted]

[redacted] for they are very crafty  
not to get caught. The only loans you can get from them  
is through [redacted] Your men will see the entrance to the  
club on the corner of Locust & Dorchester <sup>b6</sup> St. On a late  
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Friday night into Sat. morning if one of your men knocks at  
the door, and they look through the peephole, and if your man  
says [redacted] told you to go there to sit in he will  
open the door. Friday night [redacted] are there



Till about 11 o'clock before the games start to discuss business over the table with people they do business with. They both are [redacted] protection men. [redacted] never went with a lawyer [redacted] for twenty years ago they put [redacted] out of action, made him sell everything he had in Boston and get out of the city or he would vanish. They wanted half of his business and when he refused that was the end of him. He is now in Vegas a drunk & broke. [redacted] took over the business and that is why he is protected by [redacted]. The phone number to the club in town is 282-9465. Their sports office is in Braintree or Randolph. Phone No. 961-1905 or 961-5706. That office does over one hundred thousand dollars a week. If you call about 20 minutes before the games at night you will get the lines. If you call ask for the lines and say This is Q5, Q6, Q7, or Ques, either one you say they will give you the lines and then just hang up. I hope this information is a big help to you, and I hope you will catch them in the game or sport office soon. This is all I have to tell you now and [redacted] are the bosses of all this. The fellow who runs the poker game is a westling. If you pressure him or [redacted] about the RICO Act, either one will open up on them. [redacted] was the game. I know they both will cooperate if you scare them.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, BOSTON (182B-BS-55853)

Date 12/2/91

From : SSA [redacted]

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Subject: WINTER HILL GANG;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached to this memo is a copy of a letter (unsigned) sent to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] and forwarded to the FBI for information. The letter reflects certain criminal activity on the part of [redacted] and [redacted] and their associates and additional information is being sought at this time relative to the associate, [redacted] and the current gambling location on the corner of Locust Street and Dorchester Avenue in Dorchester. b6 b7C

If preliminary investigation determines that additional cases should be opened re the criminal activity of [redacted] and their associates, separate sub files will be initiated. Until that time, a lead is being set forth under control file 182B-55853 for further evaluation. b6 b7C

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### BOSTON AT DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Will obtain complete identity of Winter Hill associate [redacted] Will ascertain activity at alleged gambling headquarters located at Locust and Dorchester Avenue in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Will attempt to determine ownership of the game relative to [redacted] and [redacted] Will ascertain subscribers to telephone numbers 282-9485 and 961-1908 and 961-5706. Will conduct additional investigation as determined by information contained in attached letter. b6 b7C

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# Old crime boss is charged anew

By Andrew Blake  
GLOBE STAFF

Howard T. Winter, who once rivaled Mafia chiefs for the title of most powerful organized crime leader in New England, was remanded to federal custody yesterday pending a bail hearing Monday on charges of selling cocaine.

Winter, 62, was arrested Sunday about a mile from his Millbury home south of Worcester in the company of his wife, Ellen. A search of

his home turned up nothing illegal, federal officials said.

Law enforcement officials say Winter, a convicted racketeer, once headed the Winter Hill

**■ Howard T. Winter is accused of being what he has said he detests the most: a drug pusher. Page 15.**

Gang in Somerville, and identify him as an associate of former Patriarca family underboss Gennaro J. Angiulo and reputed organized crime

figure James (Whitey) Bulger.

Also arrested Sunday on cocaine distribution charges was Gennaro L. Farina, 57, of Somerville, a longtime Winter associate, and his son Robert Farina, who was charged with illegal possession of a silencer. A third man, Kenneth Schiavo of Medford, also is being sought in connection with the cocaine distribution charges.

The silencer charges against Robert Farina were dropped yesterday in US District Court

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for lack of evidence. Federal authorities said several semiautomatic Mac 10 machine pistols and rifles were seized at the Farina home.

"This is a very significant matter," said US Attorney Wayne A. Budd, in a news conference after Winter and Gennaro Farina appeared before US Magistrate/Judge Lawrence P. Cohen.

"I strongly suggest that more kilograms are involved and that will go to the federal grand jury soon," Budd said. He said some six additional kilograms were thought to be involved with Winter and Gennaro Farina. A kilogram is about 2.2 pounds.

Budd also hinted that the ultimate investigation may be of a much broader scope than the arrests Sunday indicate, noting that an agent from the US Labor Department's Office of Labor Racketeering also was involved in the 3½-year "on-going investigation."

"I am not able to offer details now," said Budd.

Budd also declined to say if the arrests of Winter and Gennaro Farina indicated a resurgence of the remnants of the Winter Hill gang or if the alleged cocaine distribution

was linked to other members of New England organized crime.

### Sentenced for race-fixing scheme

Winter, wearing a blue parka, jeans and jogging shoes, told Cohen he is unemployed and living on a disability pension. He receives \$166 a week in workers' compensation after an accident Feb. 5, 1986, when he was employed as a used car salesman.

If convicted of the cocaine distribution charges, Winter and Gennaro Farina face a minimum mandatory five years in federal prison. They could receive up to 40 years along with a \$2 million fine.

Winter has spent six years in prison. A 1979 federal indictment charged him and 20 others with operating a multimillion-dollar scheme to fix races at six East Coast horse racing tracks. He was sentenced for the race-fixing and a separate conviction in state court for extortion involving pinball machines. He was released in 1985.

According to federal affidavits, State Police from the Worcester district attorney's office, along with federal agents from several agencies, have been investigating Winter and others since June 1988.

### Detailing two drug transactions

Although their arrests involve only one count each of distributing one kilogram of cocaine, on last Aug. 1 for Winter and Aug. 3 for Gennaro Farina, the affidavits of Drug Enforcement Agency agent Daniel Doherty detail alleged cocaine sales involving Winter, Farina and a "wired" informant between May and August.

On Aug. 1, according to the affidavit, the informant picked Winter up at his home and while driving to Boston discussed the purchase of two kilos of cocaine. They stopped for Winter to use a pay phone and then drove to the Caldor parking lot off Western Avenue, in Brighton, shortly before 9 a.m. About 10 minutes later, a man driving a gold Jag-

uar entered the lot and met with Winter for about five minutes. A meeting was set for noon, at the parking lot of the Golden Spoon Restaurant in Hopkinton.

At that time, according to the affidavit, the informant's car pulled into the lot and a short time later Winter's car pulled up next to it. Winter went to a pay phone and a few minutes later "surveillance agents observed Gennaro Farina arrive at the parking lot in his gray Lincoln Town Car," parking near Winter's and the informant's cars.

"Farina opened the trunk, removed a brown paper bag and handed it to Winter. Moments later Winter placed the bag in the rear of the CI's [confidential informant's] vehicle. Inside the bag was approximately one kilogram of cocaine," according to Doherty's affidavit.

### Lawyers decline to comment

The alleged payoff came the next day. Winter and the informant met

shortly before 11 a.m. at the La Quinta Restaurant, later renamed Fanny's Restaurant, on Route 9 in Westboro.

"Surveillance agents observed the CI hand Winter a plastic bag containing \$27,000 in cash that government agents had given to the CI earlier that morning," according to Doherty's affidavit.

Winter's lawyer, Albert Cullen, said outside the court that he had nothing to say about the charges. James E. McCall, a lawyer representing Farina, said, "A plea of not guilty will be entered. That's all I can say at this time." Assistant US Attorney Paul Kelly said Schiavo's lawyer had contacted his office to arrange for Schiavo's surrender.

Doherty's affidavit also detailed an Aug. 3 meeting in which Gennaro Farina allegedly handed the informant a shopping bag containing about a kilo of cocaine. Winter was allegedly paid \$27,000 for that transaction on Aug. 8.

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# Winter's slide from top of the heap

By Kevin Cullen  
GLOBE STAFF

Fifteen years ago, Howie Winter was King of The Hill. Winter Hill.

That was when everything went his way. That was when the Irish mob, embodied by the Winter Hill Gang, was in the big leagues, shaking down bookies from Southie to Lowell, loaning money to long-shoremen, doing contract hits for the Mafia. Polyester was big, and the cars the Irish gangsters drove were bigger.

Today, if you walk down Marshall Street in Somerville, past the garage where Howie used to hold court, you're more likely to bump into some kid from El Salvador than some plug-ugly with an Irish surname.

Like disco and the Big Bad Bruins, the Winter Hill Gang is but a relic of the wild and woolly 1970s, something recalled with a mix of nostalgia and distaste. And nowhere

is its fall from grace better exemplified than the plight of Howard T. Winter.

Yesterday, Howie Winter was lugged into US District Court in this, his winter of discontent, accused of being the very thing he has said publicly he detests the most: a pusher.

Winter is an unlikely cocaine trafficker, given his public pronouncements on the scourge of drugs and the fact that his best friend, Sal Sperlinga, was shot to death in 1980 by an angel dust pusher who Sperlinga and Winter had warned to stay out of Somerville's Magoun Square. Sperlinga had slapped the guy around.

But law enforcement authorities say that Winter's metamorphosis from underworld kingpin to free-lance drug trafficker is common in this day of crumbling criminal enterprises. Howie, they say, heard the call

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Howie Winter is brought to court for arraignment.

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of the marketplace: if you can't beat 'em, become one of 'em.

For two decades, Bob Long policed and pursued Howie Winter and his minions. Now, two years after leaving the Massachusetts State Police to join the private sector, Long remarked on the irony of how his and the careers of the Irish wiseguys he once chased have followed a similar path.

"They all seem to go a certain route, this path that stretches from the late 1960s to the late 1980s," said Long, an investigator for LCF Associates, a Braintree firm that specializes in white-collar investigations.

"They start out bookmaking, loansharking, even robbing banks. Then they go into truck hijackings. Then it's the more profitable and less bulky: drugs. They start with marijuana, then move into cocaine. Most of them left that and went into real estate. Now that I'm doing financial investigations, I see these names popping up, guys that I was chasing 15 years ago."

### Winter emerged from gang wars

The Winter Hill Gang was actually a hybrid of several predominantly Irish-American organized crime groups that were riddled by bullets and instability in the Boston gang wars of the 1960s. More than 60 men were killed in those wars.

After Buddy McLean, leader of the Somerville gang, fell victim to the Charlestown contingent led by the McLaughlin brothers, McLean's trusted lieutenant, Howie Winter, stepped up. Though not as much a peacemaker as a beneficiary of the peace that followed, Winter brought to the Irish mob a sense of leadership and stability that had been lacking, authorities say.

The Winter Hill Gang, operating out of a nondescript garage in the neighborhood from which it took its

name, became a profitable subcontractor to the better organized and more established Mafia. In return for the occasional hit, and a portion of the proceeds, the Italians let their Irish brethren carve out their own niche in the rackets.

During a 1981 conversation that was recorded by the FBI, Ilario M.A. Zannino, the then No. 2 man in the Boston Mafia, extolled the virtues of hiring reputed Winter Hill operatives James J. (Whitey) Bulger and Steve (The Rifleman) Flemmi to do their dirtywork.

"These are nice people," Zannino lectured his underlings in a North End gambling den. "These are the kind of... people that straighten a thing out."

Winter became so identified as the leader of the Irish mob that some began to believe the gang took its name from him. Next to Gennaro J. (Jerry) Angiulo, then underboss for the Patriarca crime family, Winter was considered the most powerful gangster in Massachusetts. All that collapsed, however, with a 1979 federal indictment charging Winter and 20 others with operating a multi-million-dollar scheme to fix races at six East Coast horse tracks.

### \$166 in compensation

For the race-fixing and a separate conviction in state court for extortion involving pinball machines, Winter spent six years in custody, emerging from prison in 1985 to get a job that some said befit his life experience: used car salesman.

It was while working at that \$250-a-week job at the Millbury garage owned by William Gingras, his parole sponsor, that Winter said he hurt his back. By 1989, just a decade after a snap of his fingers could command thousands in tribute, Howie Winter was subsisting on \$166 in weekly workers' compensation.

That information was gleaned from records obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request



**Howie Winter is seen waiting on a bench in Superior Court in this 1974 photo.**

filed by a Globe reporter in 1988 as part of an investigation into Winter's activities since his release from pris-

on. It was during that period that Winter and a Globe reporter had a lengthy discussion. Winter urged the

reporter not to publish the article which detailed how Gingras had made Winter the beneficiary of a real estate trust that was building duplex homes in Worcester.

"I moved out of Boston," Winter explained. "I've tried to start a new life. I'm trying to be a person who faded into the background. I've done nothing wrong...I'm trying to mind my own business and you people won't let me."

Winter also explained how much he hated drugs, especially because of what had happened to his pal and partner, Sperlinga.

In the summer of 1988, state troopers assigned to the Middlesex County unit Long headed and troopers from the Worcester County district attorney's office began an investigation into allegations that Winter and Richard Sperlinga, son of Winter's late associate, were involved in cocaine trafficking.

That investigation came to an abrupt halt when Sperlinga recognized a trooper who was tailing him and Winter in a Worcester shopping plaza parking lot. Police searched Sperlinga, Winter and their cars, but found no evidence of wrongdoing.

Authorities, however, say the information gathered eventually paid off. Ricky Sperlinga, for whom Winter had become a father figure, was convicted last May of selling the same drug, angel dust, that his father and Winter had railed against.

And yesterday, Howie Winter stood in federal court, facing charges that could put him behind bars for the rest of his life.

Bob Long said few of the old Irish gangsters have been able to go legit, as Winter said he tried to do. The only one who seems to have created a legitimate income to match his lifestyle, in fact, is Winter's old lieutenant, Whitey Bulger, who won the Lottery last year.

"Maybe," Long mused, "Howie should have just bought some more lottery tickets."

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# Former crime boss busted on cocaine rap

By SHELLEY MURPHY

Former Somerville gang leader Howard T. "Howie" Winter, who once ruled an organized crime faction whose power rivaled the Mafia, was charged yesterday

with cocaine trafficking.

The 62-year-old gangster refused to cooperate after his arrest when urged by investigators to turn informant on his former Winter Hill gang as-

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sociates, James J. "Whitey" Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, according to sources.

Instead of a deal that would have brought him protection and a reduced prison term, Winter chose to face drug charges that will put him in prison for the rest of his life if he's convicted, sources said.

Winter is accused of arranging the delivery of six kilograms of cocaine to a friend who was secretly cooperating with a probe by the federal Drug Enforcement Administra-

tion, the Massachusetts State Police and the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Labor Racketeering.

A man who identified himself as Winter's friend and arrived at the courthouse in a black, gold-trimmed Cadillac, claimed Winter was the target of a "set-up" by investigators who hoped to turn him against Bulger and Flemmi.

The man, who asked to remain anonymous, claimed Winter was whisked to a Framingham hotel shortly after his arrest early Sunday morning and offered a deal.

"They want him to turn on two guys," said Winter's friend. "They gave him a choice, witness protection or a death sentence — life in jail."

When asked if Winter would cooperate against Flemmi and Bulger, the friend said, "He won't do it. Would you do it? Would you turn in your two best friends in the whole world?"

Attorney Albert J. Cullen Jr., who represents Winter, said, "I can't comment on anything."

U.S. Attorney Wayne A. Budd refused to comment on whether Winter had been offered a deal, but sources confirmed Winter had been asked to cooperate in the ongoing probe.

Brushing aside Winter's friend's suggestion that Winter was targeted to get to Bulger

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and Flemmi, DEA Special Agent-In-Charge Carlo Boccia said, "It was a classic drug investigation wherein (Winter) became a suspect and is now a defendant."

Worcester County District Attorney John J. Conte said State Police assigned to his office launched the probe in June 1988 and turned to Budd's office and the federal agencies for help when the case escalated.

"This is very much so an ongoing investigation. It involves other individuals," said Conte, hinting at more arrests. "We feel today that we've made significant inroads into whatever you want to call it ... Mob crime ... organized crime ... drugs. You can call it whatever you want, but it's there. It's a very significant arrest of a very significant crime figure."

Federal complaints filed in U.S. District Court in Boston charge Winter, of 14 Tiffany Circle, Millbury and Gennaro L. Farina, 47, of 100 Wheatland St., Somerville, with distributing more than 500 grams of cocaine.

A third man, Kenneth Schiavo, 49, of Medford, was being sought yesterday on similar charges in a sealed complaint.

Raids by investigators led to the seizure of six automatic weapons at Farina's home. Gun charges were initially brought against Farina's son, Robert, because he lives in the same

house, but were dropped almost immediately.

Winter was secretly recorded and observed delivering cocaine to the informant on four occasions in the Hopkington area between May and November, according to an affidavit by DEA Special Agent Daniel M. Doherty.

Gennaro Farina accompanied Winter during two of the drug deliveries and made one delivery alone, the affidavit says.

The informant paid approximately \$27,000 per kilogram for the drugs and carried a transmitting device to enable investigators to follow him to the drop-off sites.

The informant claims he bought cocaine from Winter and his associates on another six occasions in 1990.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence Cohen ordered Winter and Farina held without bail pending a detention hearing Monday after Assistant U.S. attorneys George Vien and Brien O'Connor argued they may pose a danger to the community or flee if released.

Appearing in jeans, a green-and-white striped shirt and a navy parka, Winter described himself as unemployed and living on a disability. He asked for a court-appointed lawyer.

His wife, Ellen Brogna, 37, gasped when prosecutors announced Winter faces five to 40 years in prison and a \$2 million

fine, if convicted.

Winter was described by Conte as someone who had been leading a "low-key lifestyle" recently.

By comparison, Winter and his associates made daily headlines in the 1960s during Boston's bloody gang wars. Winter survived to become the leader of the Winter Hill gang after his boss, Buddy McLean, was murdered by rival gangsters.

A 1986 report by the President's Commission on Organized Crime claimed Winter's gang was involved in "drug trafficking, hijacking, loan-sharking and contract murder" on behalf of a branch of the Mafia run by then Boston Mob boss Gennaro "Jerry" Angiulo.

The report claimed the Winter Hill gang controlled Local 25 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Boston's docks.

But, law enforcement officials said the Winter Hill gang was in disarray after Winter faced back-to-back convictions in the late 1970s — on state extortion charges and a federal race fixing rap.

Since Winter's release from prison seven years ago, he's operated mostly in the Worcester area, sources said.

Meanwhile, Bulger and Flemmi reportedly control criminal activities in South Boston, the South End, Roxbury, Quincy, Weymouth and other South Shore communi-

ties, sources said.

While there may be dispute about Winter's influence today, FBI tapes of conversations bugged at Angiulo's North End headquarters in 1981 reveal a close tie between the Mafia and Winter.

"Do you know that the Hill is us?" reputed mob consigliere Ilario Zannino told an associate

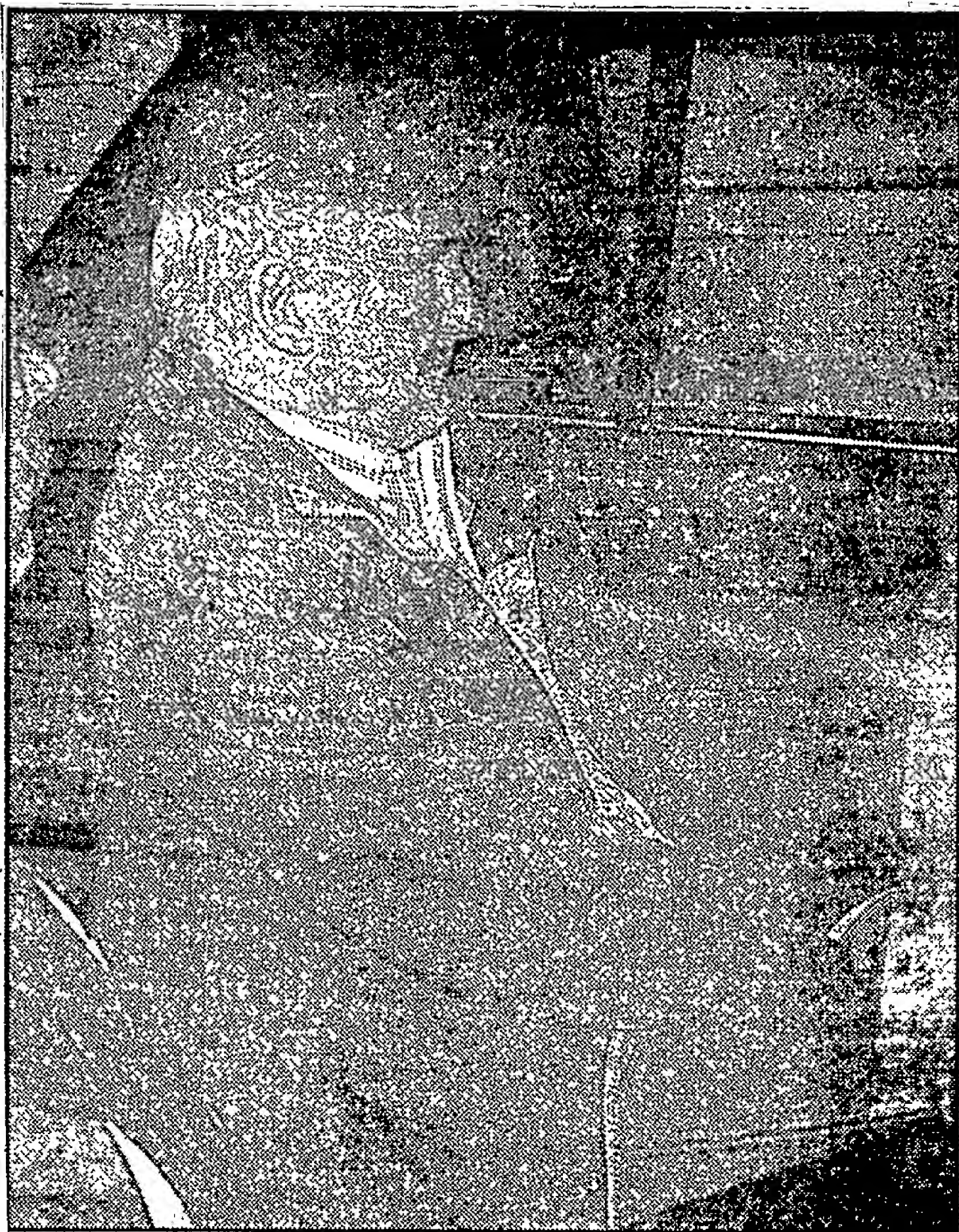
on April 3, 1981.

Angiulo said he met Winter in Providence, R.I., with then reputed New England don Raymond L.S. Patriarica, who died in July 1984.

"And I think Raymond gave (Winter) a vote of confidence," Angiulo said.

Zannino agreed, "(Patriarica) liked him very much."





**IN CUSTODY:** Howie Winter, above, is driven into the garage of the U.S. District Courthouse in Boston yesterday following his arrest early Sunday on cocaine-trafficking charges. Below, U.S. Attorney Wayne Budd, right, holds a news conference on the arrest. To his left is Worcester County District Attorney John J. Conte.

Staff photos by Jon Hill, above, and George Martell, below



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# Howie's arrival must have been a shock to the boyz 'n the hoods in federal court

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BOYS AND HOODS IN FEDERAL COURT

**W**ouldn't it be great to have been a fly on the wall yesterday up on the 15th floor of the federal courthouse? You know, in one of those three small holding cells in the U.S. marshal's office?

Here they are, Boston's five biggest Mafia hoods — make that *alleged* hoods. The Mob guys are taking a break from the first day of their racketeering trial. Finally, they're back on the 15th floor, looking forward to lunch and maybe a quick smoke.

And who do they see already relaxing, in *their* cell?

Howie Winter. Their old comrade-in-rackets from Winter Hill. As Gomer Pyle would say, surprise, surprise!

Imagine the double-takes J.R. and Bobby Russo and the Animal must have exchanged. Wasn't Howie "retired?" Wasn't there some trucking company, something about the Big Dig?

As *capo di tutti frutti*, J.R. Russo would draw the short straw. It would be up to J.R. to handle this awkward situation.

"Howie, baby — wha' happen?"

"Cocaine," Howie would reply. "Listen, they snatch me off'n the street in Millbury yesterday. They run me over to the Sheraton Tara in Framingham — they already had a room rented and everything. They get me in there and they tell me they got me for a 'death sentence,' but if I roll, they'll put me in witness protection. All I gotta do is give 'em two names."

Here the LCN boys all look at one another. Yeah, they can make a pretty good guess who the two guys are. One goes by the moniker, the Rifleman. The other one is a millionaire sportsman who knows all the words to "Southie Is My Hometown."

"You know what I told 'em?" Howie must have said. "You know what I told them dirty feds?"

Here, I can see Vinny the Animal nodding.

"Florida," Vinny would tell



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Howie. "You told 'em, set me up in bleepin' Florida, or it's no bleepin' deal."

OK, so I don't really know what the North Enders said to Howie yesterday. But as to the deal Howie was offered Sunday — flip or die — that's pretty solid. From both sides of the fence.

"Would you do it?" one of Howie's guys asked. "Would you turn in your two best friends in the whole world?"

Well ... if one of them had already been publicly fingered as an FBI snitch, and had just won \$2 mil in the Lottery, and if I was stone broke, looking at a throw-away-the-key sentence — if those were my options, yeah, I think I'd flip. On one condition. Florida.

So far the feds have only charged Howie Winter with dealing six kilograms of cocaine. And at the home of his co-defendant they found a mere half-dozen weapons, only several of which were machine guns. The instant consensus in the All American City was that Howie must be slipping.

"That's all?" asked one Somerville cop. "Only six guns and six keys? Jeez, Howie is getting old."

Which is exactly how Howie looked in court yesterday, standing before U.S. Magistrate Lawrence Cohen. Old. By now, Howie knows the routine — give 'em your date of birth (St. Patrick's Day, 1929). And military service (USMC, 1944-46 — Howie must have lied about his age to fight in the Big One).

The magistrate asked Howie, "Are you currently employed?"

"I'm out on disability."

Of course you are, Howie. You're from Somerville.

Then it was the turn of Howie's co-defendant, Gennaro.

Farina. From Wheatland Street — at the base of Winter Hill, within easy walking distance of the old Marshall Motors.

"Mr. Farina, when were you last employed?"

"1976."

Marvelous. With that kind of sterling work history, Gennaro may yet be president of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce.

Now the magistrate was filling in Howie Winter, big shot emeritus, on what could happen to him. (If he doesn't flip, that is.) For starters, up to 40 years in the clink.

As Cohen mentioned 40 years, Howie's wife, Ellen, showed zero emotion, not even a shrug. Forty years? Hey, it's no skin off her tush.

"And," Cohen told Howie, "you could also be fined up to two million dollars."

Ellen gasped. Loudly. Two million balloons! Now we were talking trouble. But a few minutes later, Howie's loyal wife was out in the hall, chatting with one of her husband's pals. This guy had pulled up to the courthouse in a chauffeur-driven black Cadillac sedan with gold trim. An Atlantic City-mobile.

"I have to go give Howie his medicine," Ellen told the Cadillac guy, who was himself busy pleading with a lawyer.

"I gotta talk to Howie," the plug-ugly told the gangster's mouthpiece. "When can I see him?"

"Not until he's in an institution."

Hey, Cadillac-man, when you do see Howie from Madison Street, would you please give him two messages from Howie from Montrose Street? The first one is, it's probably too late to cut a deal with the feds now, but what did Stevie and Whitey ever do for you? The second message for Howie is, Florida is very nice this time of year. Better than Leavenworth, anyway.

So remember that word, Howie. Florida. Repeat after me ...

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# Ex-gangster haunted by his own tales of crime at bail hearing

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Former Somerville gang leader Howard "Howie" T. Winter was duped into talking about old crimes by a friend who suggested they write a book or movie about Boston's 1960s gang wars.

"I remember when ... we kidnapped one of the (expletive) ah McLaughlin (unintelligible) ya know," reminisced Winter, 62, of Millbury, during a July conversation with his friend.

The victim was stuffed "in a steamer trunk," confided Winter.

"He must have thought he was going," laughed Winter's friend.

"Hooooo, no doubt about that," Winter said.

The friend recorded Winter's words, but they weren't destined for any publisher.

He was secretly cooperating with Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Worcester County district attorney's office, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Labor Department's office of racketeering.

And during a lengthy probe, investigators had made their own movies as they filmed Winter delivering kilograms of cocaine to his informant friend last year.

Winter, who was arrested Jan. 5 on cocaine trafficking charges, heard the tapes yesterday as Assistant U.S. Attorney George Vien played them in a bid to convince the court that Winter is dangerous and likely to flee if released on bail.

U.S. Magistrate Lawrence Cohen took Winter's request for bail under advisement and is expected to rule today.



HOWARD WINTER  
Arrested on cocaine charges

Winter listened intently to his taped recollections of the days when he ran with James "Buddy" McLean of Somerville, whose war with the McLaughlin brothers of Charlestown claimed more than 60 lives.

"We needed a (expletive) station wagon," said Winter, adding that he and McLean were driving the victim around when they noticed the car had a broken headlight.

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"I see a gas station, I pull in the gas station," Winter said. "We got this (expletive) gagged and everything. No one's gonna know nothing." Winter said they stopped and had the headlight fixed because "I mean you don't want to get stopped for a (expletive) headlight out."

During cross-examination by Winter's lawyer, Richard Egbert, DEA Special Agent Daniel Doherty said investigators were unable to determine who, if anyone, Winter kidnapped some 30 years ago.

"There was one particular individual during the '60s wars found bound and gagged in Boston Harbor," Doherty said.

"Was he found in a steamer trunk?" asked the judge, drawing a laugh from Winter.

"No," admitted Doherty.

Winter and his informant also discussed the possibility of getting actor Alex Rocco, a Somerville native with ties to the Winter Hill gang, to star in the movie.

Before his acting days, Rocco, whose name was Alex Petricone, and McLean were charged with murdering Bernie McLaughlin on Halloween Day 1961.

Eyewitnesses to the shooting in Charlestown's City Square identified McLean as the shooter and Petricone, then 25, as the driver. The charges were later dropped for insufficient evidence.

Petricone became a success-

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On [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] will meet with three unknown individuals in Boston, Massachusetts, at [redacted] at an undisclosed location.

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## Ex-gangster's crime stories caught on tape

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ful actor after leaving Somerville and changing his name. He played Las Vegas gangster Moe Green in "The Godfather Part II" and won an Emmy as a sleazy Hollywood talent agent in the television series "The Famous Teddy Z."

McLean became a victim of the '60s wars and Winter succeeded him as head of the Winter Hill gang.

After Winter's arrest three weeks ago, investigators unsuccessfully tried to convince him to cooperate against his former Winter Hill gang associates, James J. "Whitey" Bulger and

Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, of South Boston, sources said.

While testifying yesterday, Doherty admitted Winter was asked to identify law enforcement leaks.

During a meeting at a hotel after his arrest, Winter was urged to cooperate, but was told he'd still have to serve some prison time for cocaine trafficking, Doherty said.

During a second tape played yesterday, Winter expressed disgust over the June 27, 1978 massacre of five people — including former television reporter John "Jack" Kelly — at Blackfriar's pub in Boston.

"They killed him over a (expletive) kilo of coke," Winter told his informant friend during a conversation last July. "It's like you and I, we're (expletive) friends, you know what I mean. Jesus Christ if we can't deal with each other and feel comfortable over \$40,000-\$50,000.

"I've always said that I don't give a (expletive), I mean I wouldn't (expletive) hurt anybody for money," said Winter, adding, "I mean you know a (expletive) stranger is something different. You know, you got to get your money. That's something different."

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On March 4, 1992, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] and the crew from Revere, are turning all the numbers business over to the Irish crew in South Boston.

Source added that the North End and Revere are keeping their sports business.

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On April 24, 1992, [redacted] advised that last week [redacted] ran into [redacted] in the CHESTNUT HILL MALL as [redacted] was in there to use the telephone. They had a conversation in which [redacted] told [redacted] that he [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted] owes South Boston [redacted] and a bookmaker named [redacted] (PH) [redacted]

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Source stated that [redacted] continues to lay off to [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

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On May 8, 1992, [redacted] advised that [redacted] others  
[redacted] is out of the numbers business and turned all the numbers over to  
the South Boston people.

Source advised that [redacted] (ph) pays  
South Boston [redacted] per month and the LCN [redacted] month to  
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On May 12, 1992, [redacted] advised that the word in the North End is that there is alot of heat on [redacted] to the point where he has not been answering his beeper and returning calls which is unusual. Source added that a contact point for [redacted] between [redacted] and [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

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Source added that [redacted] is also not answering his beeper (voice beeper) because of law enforcement concerns.

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Captioned matter has been utilized as a repository for intelligence information concerning the Winter Hill Gang based in South Boston, MA.

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